



ANNOUNCING

MAYORS CONFERENCE MEETING

**Thursday, October 8, 2015**

Hosted by the City of Walnut Creek  
Oak View Room, Walnut Creek Library  
1644 N. Broadway, Walnut Creek, CA

6:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting will feature a presentation by Jessica Hudson, Contra Costa Librarian: Thoughts about Library Services in our Cities after a Year and a half leading the Contra Costa County.

Buffet Dinner at Il Fornaio Restaurant, 1430 Mt. Diablo Blvd.  
(3 block walk from library.)

**RESERVATIONS ARE MADE THROUGH THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK**

RSVP to: Darcy Smith at [dsmith@walnut-creek.org](mailto:dsmith@walnut-creek.org)

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: NOON, Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner Reservations:** Two dinners are prepaid for each City. **Please RSVP with names of all attendees.**

Others interested in having dinner should call or e-mail the City of Walnut Creek, as noted above, and pay for their dinner at the door or mail payment (preferred) to: City of Walnut Creek, Attn: Darcy Smith, City Manager's Office, 1666 N. Main St., Walnut Creek, CA 94596. **Individuals will be billed for reservations made but not cancelled by the deadline.**

**Dinner Cost: \$50.00**

Limited parking is available in the Library Garage on a first-come, first-served basis. The entrance to this garage is on Lincoln Avenue, close to the intersection of Lincoln and North Broadway. Please note there is a charge for parking in the Library Garage until 8:00 p.m. The better parking option is the Broadway Garage, located at 1390 North Broadway at the intersection of North Broadway and Duncan Street. The first hour of parking in the Broadway Garage is free and the charge for subsequent hours is 50 cents/hour. Note that street parking meter hours run until 8:00 p.m. and there are time limits at meters.

Accessibility: Handicapped parking spots are available in each garage and are clearly marked. Both garages have elevators and there is a drop-off zone outside the Library's front door at the East entrance.

#### From Oakland/SF:

- Take Highway 24 to 680 North
- Exit at Ygnacio Valley Road
- Turn Right off exit
- Turn Right onto N. Broadway
- Turn Left onto Lincoln Street to park at the Library or continue an additional block to park in the Broadway Garage (on the left-hand side)

#### From San Jose:

- Take Highway 680 North
- Exit at S. Main Street
- Turn Right onto Newell Avenue
- Turn Left on S. Broadway. The Broadway Garage will be on your right past Mt. Diablo Blvd.

#### From Concord/Sacramento:

- Take 680 South
- Take exit 47 at Walnut Creek/North Main Street and go toward North Main
- Keep to the right to go south on North Main Street
- Turn Left onto Civic Drive
- Turn Right onto N. Broadway
- Turn Left onto Lincoln Street to park at the Library or continue an additional block to park in the Broadway Garage (on the left-hand side)
- **Once inside the Library** – the Oak View Room is on the second floor on the south side of the building. **Il Fornaio** restaurant is located at 1430 Mt. Diablo Boulevard, approximately 3 blocks from the Library





## COUNTY MAYORS CONFERENCE

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6:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

### REVISED AGENDA

Call to Order; Pledge of Allegiance; Roll Call:

**1. Program:** A presentation by Jessica Hudson, Contra Costa Librarian: Thoughts About Library Services in Our Cities After a Year and a Half With the Contra Costa County Library.

**2. Approval of Minutes:** (attached) of the September 3, 2015 Conference Meeting in Orinda.

### **Move to Approve September 3, 2015 Conference Minutes.**

**3. Conference Appointments to the East Bay Regional Communications System Board (EBRCSB):** The three-year terms of office of Walnut Creek Council Member Cindy Silva as a Member and of Brentwood Mayor Robert Taylor as an Alternate Member on the EBRCSB will end in October 2015. Each is eligible to serve another term.

The Conference received nominations for Walnut Creek Council Member Cindy Silva for reappointment to a new member term and for Brentwood Mayor Bob Taylor for a new alternate term, both terms ending in October 2018. No other nominations were received by the deadline. (Letters of nomination attached.) Council Member Silva serves on the Conference Executive Committee and does not represent the Conference on any other

regional agencies. Mayor Bob Taylor serves on the Airport Land Use Commission and the Contra Costa Elections Citizen Advisory Committee.

It is recommended that the Conference rule be applied and that each be reappointed.

**Move to apply the Conference Rule and appoint Walnut Creek Council Member Cindy Silva as a cities representative on the EBRCB and Brentwood Mayor Robert Taylor as an alternate cities representative on the EBRCB, both for three-year terms ending in October 2018.**

**4. Presentation from West County Mayors and Supervisors Association by Chair, Richmond Mayor Tom Butt, regarding the relationship between the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).** The West County Group recommends that the Mayors Conference Chair be authorized to send a letter (draft attached) expressing lack of support for the proposal under consideration to eliminate funding in mid-year for ABAG's planning and research activities.

**Action: Move to approve draft letter (as written or as may be amended) and authorize Conference Chair to send this letter to both the ABAG and MTC governing bodies and other possible actions, as the Mayors Conference Board may deem appropriate.**

**5. Chair Announcements:**

**6. Mayors Announcements:**

**7. State Legislative Update:**

**8. League of California Cities Update:** Samantha "Sam" Caygill, East Bay Division Public Affairs Manager.

**9. County Supervisor Announcements:**

**10. Public Communication:**

**11. Welcome to Walnut Creek by Mayor Bob Simmons:**

**12. Adjourn to November 5, 2015 meeting in Richmond.**

**Deadline for November agenda is 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 21, 2015.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

November 5, 2015, Richmond,

December 3, 2015, Concord,

January 7, 2016, San Ramon.

## **MINUTES**

**September 3, 2015**

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MAYORS CONFERENCE**

Hosted by the City of Orinda  
Orinda Library Theatre/Auditorium  
26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Debbie Long called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL OF CITY DELEGATES**

Pinole: Mayor Peter Murray  
Pittsburg: Vice-Mayor Ben Johnson  
Pleasant Hill: Council Member Michael Harris  
Richmond: Mayor Tom Butt  
San Pablo: Mayor Kathy Chao Rothberg  
San Ramon: Mayor Bill Carlson  
Walnut Creek: Mayor Bob Simmons  
Antioch: Mayor Wade Harper  
Brentwood: Mayor Bob Taylor  
Clayton: Council Member Julie Pierce  
Concord: Vice-Mayor Laura Hoffmeister  
Danville: Mayor Mike Doyle  
El Cerrito: Council Member Janet Abelson  
Hercules: Mayor Sherry McCoy  
Lafayette: Mayor Brandt Andersson  
Martinez: Vice-Mayor Mark Ross  
Moraga: Mayor Roger Wykle  
Oakley: Mayor Doug Hardcastle  
Orinda: Mayor Dean Orr

Conference Chair: Debbie Long

The above delegates represented a quorum.

1. **Program:** A presentation by Wei-Tai Kwok, Volunteer Climate Leader, "Update on An Inconvenient Truth." The latest facts about climate change plus Lynda Deschambault of Contra Costa Climate Leaders, who presented a short summary of the progress Contra Costa cities are making with their Climate Action Plans.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes:**

**The minutes for the August 6, 2015 meeting in Hercules were approved unanimously.**

3. **Announcement of Upcoming Conference Appointments to the East Bay Regional Communications System Board (EBRCSB):** The three-year terms of office of Walnut Creek

Council Member Cindy Silva as a Member and of Brentwood Mayor Robert Taylor as an Alternate Member on the EBRCSB will end in October. Accordingly, the Mayors Conference will be making new appointments for full three-year terms ending in October 2018 at the October 8, 2015 meeting.

Any person interested in serving in either of these positions should submit a letter of nomination to the Executive Director at: [gipokorn@lmi.net](mailto:gipokorn@lmi.net) no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

**4. Chair Announcements:** Chair Long announced that former County Supervisor Nancy Fahden, the first elected female County Supervisor in Contra Costa County, had passed away earlier September 3 at age 92 and that the meeting would be adjourned in her memory. She also announced that the Executive Committee had a valuable meeting with State Senator Steve Glazer the afternoon of August 28.

**5. Mayors Announcements:** Hercules Mayor Sherry McCoy announced the September 19 opening of the Hercules Segment of the Bay Trail. Concord Vice-Mayor Laura Hoffmeister announced that the Concord Naval Base Reuse Project is moving into the final stage of developer selection and that the City Council has selected Guy Bjerke as Director of Community Reuse Planning for the Project as it moves into the execution phase. Walnut Creek Mayor Bob Simmons announced that the City of Walnut Creek has decided to explore joining a Community Choice Energy program as a means of offering residents access to renewable energy sources and distributed letters the City sent to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors Internal Operations Committee encouraging the County to establish a Community Choice Energy program for the whole county. Various mayors announced other area-wide and community events happening in September.

**6. State Legislative Update:** Senator Steve Glazer indicated he enjoyed his meeting with the Executive Committee and introduced several new staff members to the mayors.

**7. League of California Cities Update:** None.

**8. County Supervisor Announcements:** District 2 Supervisor Candace Andersen welcomed all to her district and to Orinda. She noted that Federal Glover is recuperating at home and will soon be back at Supervisors meetings. She also noted that investment results for the County retirement system have moved the program into better territory.

**9. Public Communication:** Danville Council Member Newell Arnerich reported on various Transportation Authority matters. Danville Vice-Mayor Karen Stepper reported on work of the East Bay Economic Development Authority and encouraged all cities to join. A representative of Sustainable Contra Costa announced the September 23 Sustainability Awards Gala at the Concord Hilton. Various individuals commented on PACE financing. BART District 3 Director Rebecca Saltzman reminded all of the Trans-Bay Tunnel closing over the Labor Day weekend.

**10. Welcome to Orinda by Mayor Dean Orr:** Mayor Orr welcomed everyone to Orinda, introduced present and past council members, mayors, and staff members. He especially thanked Michelle Olsen, City Clerk, for her hard work coordinating the evening.

**11. The Meeting adjourned to the October 8, 2015 meeting in Walnut Creek in memory of Supervisor Nancy Fahden.**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**2015**

October 8, Walnut Creek,

***Note: The October meeting is one week later than usual because of the LOCC Annual Conference.***

November 5, Richmond,

December 3, Concord

**2016**

January 7, San Ramon,

***Note: The January meeting is one week later than usual because of the New Year Holiday.***

February 4, Oakley,

March 3, Lafayette,

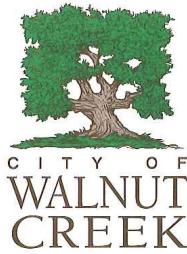
April 7, Moraga,

May 5, Pleasant Hill,

June 2, Brentwood,

July 7, San Pablo.





September 8, 2015

Dear Contra Costa Mayors,

I am pleased to nominate Walnut Creek City Councilmember Cindy Silva to be re-appointed to her position as one of the Contra Costa Mayors Conference representatives to the Board of the East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCS).

Cindy has represented the Contra Costa Mayors Conference on the EBRCS Board since 2007 – first as an alternate and, for the last three years, as a board member. Cindy has been able to work effectively with the Authority Board members to achieve our mutual objectives – a radio system that improves safety for both the public and for our public safety officers.

Over the last three years, Cindy has also served on the EBRCS Finance Committee, which last year was charged with the important step of recruiting a new EBRCS executive director following the sudden death of founding ED Bill McGammon. The Finance Committee is now spearheading the critical next step for the Authority: Developing long-term financial policies and operating and capital strategies that will ensure the fiscal stability of the Authority over the coming years.

I hope you will join me in supporting Cindy Silva for re-appointment as the Mayors Conference representative to the EBRCS Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Bob Simmons  
Mayor, City of Walnut Creek

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24 Hr. Dispatch: 925-778-2441  
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Engineering Division  
150 City Park Way  
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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

September 11, 2015

Gary Pokorny, Executive Director  
Contra Costa County Mayors Conference

VIA EMAIL: gjpokorn@lmi.net

Dear Mr. Pokorny:

I respectfully request that I be appointed as the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference Alternate Member on the East Bay Regional Communications System Board (EBRCSB). This appointment is a three-year term ending in October 2018.

I am currently serving a three-year term as an Alternate Member, term ending in October, 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any questions, please call me at 925.516.5440.

Sincerely,

Mayor Bob Taylor

RT:drw

October 8, 2015

ABAG Governing Board  
MTC Board of Commissioners  
101 Eight Street  
Oakland, CA 94607

# Draft

**Re: Relationship between the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

Dear ABAG Governing Board Members and MTC Board of Commissioners:

As Chair of the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, I am writing to inform you that, at our October 2015 convening, our membership considered the proposal by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to eliminate financial support to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for that organization's planning and research activities, and instead, absorb ABAG's responsibilities into MTC's.

While we firmly understand the merits of consolidating and unifying the Bay Area's regional agencies, **we do not support this proposal by MTC**. Not only would this proposal remove a core function from ABAG, but it would also place the regulatory agency on a path towards insolvency, which would jeopardize the success of several high priority efforts, including the San Francisco Bay Trail Project, the San Francisco Estuary Project, and ABAG's water quality, earthquake safety, and wetlands restoration activities.

Instead of proceeding with this plan, **we strongly urge MTC and ABAG to consider implementing a merger that delivers a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary regional approach of all planning related functions**. This process should recognize local control while still promoting optimal land use, transportation and all related functions in the region. Additionally, this merger must be transparent and involve input from a broad set of stakeholders – including municipal governments.

We also urge MTC to continue fully funding ABAG until the two agencies enact a cooperative agreement – a JPA - that leads to a successful transition of planning functions and the development of a new model which promotes Bay Area regional governance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,